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//BRAZIL: BRAZIL'S RUSH TO RECOGNIZE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR
THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA ON THE DAY THE AFRICAN TERRITORY BECAME
INDEPENDENT REQUIRES MORE EXPLANATION THAN THE BRAZILIANS HAVE SO
FAR SEEN FIT TO GIVE. AT FIRST GLANCE, THE ACTION SEEMS TO CONTRADICT
THEPPOLICY IMPLICIT IN THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE BRAZILIAN
MISSION IN LUANDA WHEN IT WAS ESTABLISHED LAST JANUARY, WHICH WERE
TO OBSERVE EVENTS CLOSELY, BUT TO STAY OUT OF DOMESTIC MATTERS.//

//FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS CAN MAINTAIN THAT RECOGNITION

DOES NOT MEAN APPROVAL AND THAT BRASILIA HAS. IN STRICT LEGAL TERMS.

MERELY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE MPLA IS IN DE FACTO CONTROL OF THE

ANGOLAN CAPITAL. THE FIRMNISS OF THIS SHAKY POSTURE, HOWEVER, WILL

ALMOST CERTAINLY BE TESTED BY THE WARRING AFRICAN MOVEMENTS IN

ACTIONS THAT COULD PROVE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THE BRAZILIANS. THE

DIPLOMATIC GESTURE PROBABLY HAS ALREADY CAUSED SOME CHAGRIN AMONG

CONSERVATIVE BRAZILIAN MILITARY OFFICERS. WHO SEE THAT THEIR GOVERN
MENT IS VIRTUALLY ALONE INRECOGNIZING A REGIME THAT OWES ITS

EXISTENCE TO SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY SUPPORT.//Y

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//THE ACT OF RECOGNITION SEERS TO BE A GAMBLE THAT. OVER THE LONG TERM. THE ANGOLANS WILL REMEMBER ONLY THAT BRAZIL WAS ARRONG THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW NATION. FOREIGN HIWISTER ANTONIO AZEREDO DA SILVEIRA HAS SAID PRIVATELY THAT A MAJOR COMSIDERATION WET TO SPUR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND MOZAMBIQUE—WHICH FOLLOWED ON NOVEMBER 15. ULTIMATELY THE BRAZILIANS SEEK TO EXPAND TRADE RELATIONS AND FORGE CLOSER DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE EMERGING NATIONS OF PORTUGUESE APRICA. THESE ASPIRATIONS MAY PROVE TO BE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC DESPITE BRAZIL'S APPARENT EAGERNESS TO ERASE THE PAST. BECAUSE OF BRAZIL'S HISTORICAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE AND ITS TACIT SUPPORT OF PORTUGUESE FOREIGN POLICY, IT IS ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS RESENTED THAN THE PORTUGUESE THEMSELVES.

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I SPANISH SAHARA: ALGERIA HAS SHARPLY DENOUNCED THE RECENT
SPANISH-MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN AGREEMENT ON SPANISH SAHARA AND SET
THE STAGE FOR A FULL-SCALE UN DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.4

IN A FORMAL NOTE ATTACHED TO UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S
LATEST REPORT ON SPANISH SAHARA, ALGERIA DECLARED THE TRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT NULL AND VOID AND ATTACKED SPAIN FOR NOT FULFILLING ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER OF A NON-SELF-GOVERNING
TERRITORY. ALGIERS ARGUED THAT SPAIN COULD TRANSFER ADMINISTRATIVE
RESPONSIBILITIES ONLY TO THE SAHARAN PEOPLE OR, FAILING THAT, TO THE
UN ITSELF.Y

SPAIN, HOWEVER, CLAIMS TO HAVE ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN DIRECTIVES. THE SPANISH HAVE RATIONALIZED THEIR DECISION TO TRANSFER ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY TO RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT BY ASSERTING THAT THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IS A SEPARATE ISSUE THAT ONLY THE BUN CAN RESOLVE.Y

ALGERIA ALSO INSISTED THAT MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY IN THE TERRITORY UNLESS THE GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THAT THEIR CLAIMS TAKE PRECEDENCE

OVER SELF-DETERMINATION. THE ALGERIANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RETURN

THE SAHARAN PROBLEM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH IN PAST

RESOLUTIONS HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF
DETERMINATION.4

ALGERIAN PRESS STATEMENTS SUGGEST ALGIERS IS WILLING TO SUPPORT
A STRUGGLE BY THE POLISARIO FRONT, A PRO-INDEPENDENCE SAHARAN
GUERRILLA MOVEMENT THAT ALGIERS BACKS. A RECENT ARTICLE IN AL-SHAAB,
A DAILY NEWSPAPER THAT USUALLY REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF THE BOUMEDIENE
GOVERNMENT, DECLARED THE BEST RESPONSE TO THE TRIPARTITE DEAL WAS
THE DETERMINATION OF THE SAHARAN PEOPLE TO RESIST THE MOROCCAN—
MAURITANIAN "INVADERS." THE ARTICLE ADDED THAT ALGERIA, AS A
MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WOULD SUPPORT SAHARANS STRUGGLING TO LIBERATE
THEIR TERRITORY."

ALGERIA IS UNLIKELY TO INITIATE DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION,
BUT IT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPLY ARMS, A SANCTUARY, A PROPAGANDA

OUTLET, AND POSSIBLY SOME "VOLUNTEERS" TO THE POLISARIO FRONT.

ALGERIAN TRUCKS WERE RECENTLY OBSERVED IN THE MAURITANIAN PORT CITY

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OF NOUADHIBOU, ALLEGEDLY SECURING SUPPLIES FOR POLISARIO UNITS

IN THE SOUTHERN SAHARAN BORDER AREA WHERE THERE APPARENTLY IS

SUBSTANTIAL SYMPATHY FOR THE FRONT.4

THE POLISARIO FRONT IS QUIETLY ACQUIRING A FOOTHOLD IN THE SAHARA. UNITS OF THE POLISARIO FRONT HAVE TAKEN OVER THE SOUTHERN SAHARAN TOWN OF GUERA AND HAVE ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES ALONG THE MAURITANIAN-SAHARAN BORDER IN AN ATTEMPT TO FILL THE VACUUM CREATED BY SPAIN'S WITHDRAWAL FROM TWO THIRDS OF THE TERRITORY. THE FRONT HAS DECLARED IT WILL FORCIBLY RESIST THE AGREED-UPON MAURITANIAN-MOROCCAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGION. (CONFIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET.H

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J. MALAYSIA: A POWER PLAY BY PRIME MINISTER RAZAK AGAINST
HIS CHIEF RIVAL, DUTUK HARUN IDRIS, HAS CAUSED NEW POLITICAL TENSION
AND APPREHENSION THAT COMMUNAL STRIFE MAY ERUPT AGAIN.4

RAZAK HAS THREATENED TO BRING EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES AGAINST

HARUN UNLESS THE LATTER AGREES TO POLITICAL EXILE BY ACCEPTING THE

BOST OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN. RAZAK'S DEADLINE PASSED

ON TUESDAY, AND IT APPEARS THAT HARUN IS DEFYING THE PRIME MINISTER. 4

AS HEAD OF THE UNITED MALAYS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION YOUTH
MOVEMENT AND CHIEF MINISTER OF POPULOUS SELANGOR STATE, WHICH
SURROUNDS KUALA LUMPUR, HARUN ALSO HAS AN IMPORTANT INDEPENDENT
POLITICAL BASE FROM WHICH TO CHALLENGE RAZAK. HARUN ALSO HAS BUILT A
POPULAR FOLLOWING BY CHAMPIONING NARROW MALAY INTERESTS AND PLAYING
ON ANTI-CHINESE FEELING WITHIN THE MALAY COMMUNITY. HE HAS FOR YEARS
COMPLICATED RAZAK'S EFFORTS TO KEEP MALAYSIA'S COMMUNAL PROBLEMS IN
BALANCE. HARUN, A HERO TO MANY LESS SOPHISTICATED MALAYS, IS SUSPECTED

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ETHNIC CHINESE LEADERS ARE CONCERNED THAT AN OPEN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTY LEADERS MIGHT LEAD TO VIOLENCE THAT COULD EASILY ASSUME ANTI-CHINESE OVERTONES. RAZAK RECOGNIZES THIS DANGER, HOWEVER, AND ## REPORTEDLY IS PUTTING HIZ INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ON ALERT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2.-// CHINA: AFTER YEARS OF INNER PARTY WRANGLING OVER EDUCATIONAL POLICY, PEKING HAS APPARENTLY SECURED MAO'S ENDORSEMENT FOR POLICY CHANGES THAT WOULD RAISE THE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC TRAINING IN CHINA'S UNIVERSITIES.//Y

//THE RENEWED CONCERN FOR ACADEMIC QUALITY, IN LINE WITH CHINA'S DRIVE TO NODERNIZE THE ECONOMY BY THE END OF THE CENTURY, WOULD IN EFFECT REVERSE THE EDUCATIONAL POLICIES ADOPTED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION OF THE MID-1960S. THOSE POLICIES, WHICH PUT PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON POLITICS RATHER THAN ON SCHOLASTIC 4 ACHIEVEMENT, WERE STAUNCHLY DEFENDED BY THE PARTY'S LEFT WING AND HAVE RENDERED CHINA'S UNIVERSITIES VIRTUALLY INEFFECTIVE AS INSTITUTES OF HIGHER LEARNING.//4

//ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENT CIRCULATING IN CHINA, MAO HAS DATE: ORIG: UNIT:

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CALLED FOR MORE STUDY OF BASIC SCIENTIFIC THEORY AND HAS WARNED STUDENTS TO LEARN FROM THEIR TEACHERS RATHER THAN WASTE TIME STATING THEIR OWN OPINIONS. HE REPORTEDLY HAS ASKED CHINAD'S INTELLECTUALS, WHO HAVE LONG BEEN COWED BY ATTACKS FROM PARTY LEFTISTS, TO HELP IMPROVE THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM.//

//DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, PARTY LEFTISTS DISMISSED
THE STUDY OF BASIC SCIENTIFIC THEORY AS UNNECESSARY AND PROMOTED
THE NOTION THAT STUDENTS WERE ON A PAR WITH THEIR TEACHERS. THEY
ALSO ADVOCATED THAT UNIVERSITIES DEVOTE MOST OF THEIR TIME TO
TEACHING POLITICS, WHICH CONSISTED MAINLY OF MAO'S WRITINGS.//Y

//IN THEIR ATTACKS ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND ON TEACHERS
IN PARTICULAR, THE LEFTISTS WERE IN FACT ECHOING MAG'S OWN
SENTIMENTS AT THE TIME. HIS RECENT REPUDIATION OF THESE POLICIES,
HOWEVER, MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR PARTY LEFTISTS TO CONTEND THAT
THEY ARE ACTING ON BEHALF OF MAO IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO HIGHER
EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS. THE CHAIRMAN'S TURNABOUT ON THIS ISSUE IS
THE LATEST AND MOST STARTLING CONFIRMATION THAT HE HAS NOW
ABANDONED SOME OF HIS VISIONARY IDEAS OF THE LATE 1950S AND 1940S

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AND THAT THE PARTY LEFT WING IS CURRENTLY IN ECLIPSE.//4

PEKING UNIVERSITY FOR FAILING TO EDUCATE ITS STUDENTS PROPERLY.//

//PEKING IS NOT LIKELY IN THE SHORT TERM TO ABANDON ITS

POLICY OF SENDING THE MAJORITY OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES TO THE

COUNTRYSIDE, WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. WHATEVER CHANGES MAY

OCCUR IN THIS POLICY OVER THE LONGER TERM ARE LIKELY TO BE

GRADUAL.//Y

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS HAVE BEEN A PARTICULARLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE SINCE 1973. WHEN A COALITION OF PARTY LEFTISTS AND SOME MILITARY MEN OPPOSED THEIR USE AND FORCED PEKING TO PUT LESS EMPHASIS ON THEM.//Y

//CHINA'S INTELLECTUALS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO HELP
THE UNIVERSITIES IMPROVE THEIR CURRICULA FOR FEAR THAT EDUCATIONAL
POLICY WILL SUFFER YET ANOTHER REVERSAL. DESPITE THEIR MISGIVINGS,
IT APPEARS THAT THE MAJORITY OF CHINA'S POLITICAL LEADERS ARE
INTENT ON IMPROVING THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AS THE FIRST STEP
TOWARD MODERNIZING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.//

//ALTHOUGH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI COMPLAINED AS EARLY AS LAST

JANUARY THAT THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS NOT ADEQUATE FOR

CHINAN'S ECONOMIC NEEDS, IT WAS APPARENTLY NOT UNTIL MAO'S APPROVAL

OF CHANGES WAS MADE KNOWN IN JUNE THAT EDUCATORS BEGAN MAKING

IMPROVEMENTS. MAO'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON EDUCATION, HIS FIRST

SINCE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, HAVE BEEN THE MISSING INGREDIENT

IN THE LONG-STANDING EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE CHOU EN-LAI AND

TENG HSIAO-PING TO MAKE MUCH-NEEDED CHANGES IN THE UNIVERSITIES.

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THE CENTER-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENTER'S ACTION WAS ENDORSED BY THEM, THE SOCIALISTS, AND THE "ANTUNES NINE" AND THAT THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.4

ALTHOUGH NO RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE IS ANTICIPATED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DURING WHICH TIME COSTA GOMES IS EXPECTED TO PROPOSE VARIOUS COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS, IN THE END IT IS HOPED THE PRESIDENT WILL BOW TO THE GOVERNMENT'S WISHES. IF HE FAILS TO GO ALONG, IT IS AVERRED. HE MAY BE REPLACED -- BUT THE PLAN FOR ACCOMPLISHING THIS IS NOT SPELLED OUT.Y

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY FEELS IT HAS NO VIABLE ALTERNATIVE SHORT OF OUTRIGHT RESIGNATION OR CAPITULATION TO COMMUNIST DEMANDS FOR GREATER REPRESENTATION, ITS PRESENT COURSE DOES CONTAIN SOME DEBM

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- --COSTA GOMES COULD TRY TO DISMANTLE THE CABINET AND APPOINT
 A NEW PRIME MINISTER, BUT THIS COULD PROBABLY BE BLOCKED BY THE
 ANTUNES GROUP'S MAJORITY IN THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.Y
- --THE PRESIDENT COULD APPEAL TO THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT
 ASSEMBLY FOR SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH THIS EXTREME-LEFT BODY HAS NOT
 BEEN CONVENED SINCE PRO-COMMUNIST FORMER PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES WAS
 OUSTED IN SEPTEMBER. 4
- THE FAR LEFT AND THE COMMUNISTS.4

THE LEFT WAS QUICK TO CENSURE THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE, TO STAGE A BUT ITS RESPONSE, AS USUAL, FELL SHORT OF VIOLENCE. THE COMMUNIST PARTY ISSUED RADIO APPEALS TO ALL LEFTIST GROUPS TO STAGE A DEMONSTRATION AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. SOME 5,000 TO 10,000 PARTICIPANTS EXCORIATED THE GOVERNMENT AND SHOUTED SUPPORT FOR GENERAL CARVALHO.

THIS DEMONSTRATION HAD LITTLE DIRECT IMPACT ON THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL—WHICH WIZELY MOVED OUT OF TOWN TO

CONDUCT ITS DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION. NEVERTHELESS, COSTA

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GOMES DID LEAVE THE COUNCIL MEETING TO RETURN TO LISBON AND

ADDRESS THE CROWD. IN A BRIEF STATEMENT HE C. LED FOR UNITY AND

ASSURED THE DEMONSTRATORS THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

TO SEE THAT THE COUNCILE'S DECISIONS WOULD BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS. 30 {CONFIDENTIAL}

2. CZECHOSOLAKIA: FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK'S MAJOR FOREIGN
POLICY SPEECH TO THE FEIERAL ASSEMBLY ON NOVEMBER LL
WAS LESS SYCOPHANTIC TOWARD THE SOVIETS THAN HIS LAST
MAJOR PARLIAMENTARY ADDRESS ON OCTOBER 19, 1972.4

DESPITE THE DECREASED ADULATION ACCORDED THE

SOVIET UNION IN HES RECENT ADDRESS, CHNOUPEK PAID

PROPER OBEISANCE TO THE BASIC TENETS OF SOVIET

FOREIGN POLICY, INCLUDING THE "BREZHNEV DOCTRINE."

IN SHORT, HE SAID NOTHING TO WHICH MOSCOW MIGHT OBJECT.4

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CHNOUPEK'S SPEECH THIS TIME
AND HIS EARLIER ONE PROBABLY ARE A RESULT OF A GROWING
SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE OF BOTH THE REGIME AND THE
FOREIGN MINISTER HIMSELF. ALTHOUGH PRAGUE HAS NOT

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COMPLETELY SHED THE PARIAH IMAGE IT GAINED IN THE POST-DUBCEK PERIOD, ITS FOREIGN POLICY HAS SCORED MAJOR SUCCESSES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. CHNOUPEK. WITH SOME PRIDE, EMPHASIZED CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S INCREASING ACCEPTABILITY, AS HE TICKED OFF THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN CONTACTS, NEW INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS, AND COUNTRIES WITH WHICH PRAGUE HAS ESTABLISHED RELATIONS. CHNOUPEK TAKES PERSONAL CREDIT FOR THE "FOREIGN POLICY SUCCESSES" ACHIEVED SINCE HE BECAME FOREIGN MINISTER IN DECEMBER 197001. IN FACT, HE APPEARS TO HAVE DONE SO WELL THAT, BY SOME ACCOUNTS, HE IS SLATED TO MOVE UP INTO THE PARTY PRESIDIUM. Y

ON BALANCE, CHNOUPEK SEEMED TO BE PROMOTING AN

IMAGE OF A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY THAT FOLLOWS A COORINATED FOREIGN POLICY. HIS PERSONAL STYLE AND
POLISH MAY HAVE MADE SOME ELEMENTS OF THE ADDRESS
APPEAR NEWER THAN THEY WERE. PARTS OF HIS SPEECH
WERE CLEARLY AIMED AT THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATS WHO
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WERE CONSPICUOUSLY INVITED TO ATTEND. HIS REMARKS
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE, FOREIGN TRADE OFFICES
IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND THE REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED
FAMILIES WERE DELETED IN THE LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE.

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3. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: CZECHOSLOVAK DISSIDENTS RECENTLY USED A "LITTLE THEATER" PERFORMANCE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PRAGUE DISCREETLY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY AND THEIR
SUBTLE DEFIANCE OF THE REGIME.4

AN UNANNOUNCED, UNADVERTISED, AND ADMISSION-FREE PERFORMANCE OF JOHN GAY'S "BEGGARS OPERA" ALLOWED A "FULL CROSS SECTION" OF DISSIDENT INTELLECTUALS TO GATHER PUBLICLY IN STRENGTH AND TO ENJOY DRAMATIC FARE UNCOMMON IN HUSAK'S "NORMALIZED" CZECHOSLOVAKIA. UNLUCKILY FOR THE LOCAL OFFICIAL WHO PERMITTED THE PERFORMANCE.

- THE ADAPTATION OF THE PLAY WAS NOT THE APPROVED
- VERSION BY BERTHOLD BRECHT THAT HAS RUN SUCCESSFULLY
- IN EAST BERLIN.Y

INSTEAD, THE PLAYERS PERFORMED AN ADAPTATION

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BY AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE REGIME, VACLAV HAVEL

WHO HAS TURNED THE PLAY INTO A STINGING POLITICAL

SATIRE AIMED AT THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP. FOR INSTANCE, THE LANGUAGE OF

THE EXPLANATION TO THE BEGGAR-THIEF ON WHY HE SHOULD COOPERATE WITH

THE POLICE COULD HAVE BEEN LIFTED VERBATIM FROM ANY RECENT SPEECH BY

HUSAK ON CZECHOSLOVAK COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION: 4

THE DISSIDENTS SUCCESSFULLY HOODWINKED THE
SECURITY FORCES BY CONCEALING THE PREPARATIONS FOR
THE PERFORMANCE AND BY PASSING WORD OF THE EVENT
QUIETLY. THE REGIME'S REACTION TO THE PERFORMANCE
WAS RAPID AND TOUGH. ITS ORGANIZER WAS INTERROGATED
BY POLICE FOR 13 HOURS, AND STERNLY WARNED AGAINST
PUBLICIZING THE EVENT IN WESTERN COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, THE ENTIRE CAST, WAS THREATENED WITH ARREST.
THE DISSIDENTS THEMSELVES HAVE SOUGHT TO SUPPRESS
THE STORY, APPARENTLY SATISFIED THIS TIME WITH
THEIR MODEST SHOW OF RESISTANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)Y

4. ROMANIA: PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF LE DUAN'S

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VISIT TO ROMANIA FROM NOVEMBER 13 TO 17 TO ASSERT

ONCE MORE BUCHAREST'S DETERMINATION TO PURSUE ITS

INDEPENDENT POLICIES, FREE FROM SOVIET INTERFERENCE. 4

IN HIS TOAST TO LE DUAN ON NOVEMBER 17, CEAU—
SESCU DECLARED THAT HIS PARTY SEEKS CLOSER RELATIONS
WITH ALL COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES, THUS IMPLICITLY INCLUDING THE CHINESE. HE ALSO SAID THAT ROMANIA WANTS TO STRENGTHEN SOCIALIST UNITY BY STRESSING THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL PARTIES, NONENTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND RESPECT FOR EVERY PARTY'S RIGHT INDEPENDENTLY TO ESTABLISH ITS POLITICAL LINE IN KEEP—
ING WITH THE REALITIES OF ITS OWN SITUATION. 4

CEAUSESCU WENT ON TO SAY THAT RESPECT FOR INDEPENDENCE IN PARTY AFFAIRS MUST ALSO APPLY TO STATE
RELATIONS. HE INVOKED THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI TO
PROMOTE SOME FAVORITE THEMES—ELIMINATION OF FOREIGN
MILITARY BASES. WITHDRAWAL OF ALL TROOPS WITHIN NA—
TIONAL BORDERS. AND THE DISCONTINUANCE OF MILITARY
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IN AN ALLUSION TO BUCHAREST'S LONG STRUGGLE

AGAINST SOVIET HEGEMONY, CEAUSESCU LAUDED THE NORTH

VIETNAMESE FOR DEMONSTRATING THAT A PEOPLE'S DETER—

MINATION TO DEFEND THEIR NATIONAL INTERESTS AND

THEIR "SACRED RIGHT" TO DEVELOP ALONG THE ROAD OF

SOCIALISM CAN CARRY THEM TO VICTORY NO MATTER WHAT

THE ODDS OR THE SACRIFICES.Y

LE DUAN'S VISIT, WHICH CAME ON THE EVE OF THE

LATEST ROUND OF PPEPARATORY TALKS IN EAST BERLIN FOR

A EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE, GAVE CEAUSESCU AN

IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO DRIVE HOME BASIC ROMANIAN POSI
TIONS. PARTY SECRETARY STEFAN ANDREI WILL PRESS THE

CEAUSESCU LINE DURING THE CURRENT DELIBERATIONS IN

THE EAST GERMAN CAPITAL. CONFIDENTIALLY

5. ROMANIA: BUCHAREST REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT THE VISIT OF SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER AYYUBI LAST WEEK WENT "MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED."4

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IN AN EFFORT TO PUT THE BEST FACE POSSIBLE ON
THE VISIT. BOTH SIDES PUT ASIDE BILATERAL DIFFERENCES
ON A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS—ARAB ANNOYANCE WITH ROMANIA'S
ABSENCE FROM THE UN DURING THE VOTE ON ANTI-ZIONISM,
THE ARAB BOYCOTT OF THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL AIRLINE
TAROM, AND THE PRESENCE OF ROMANIAN CARGO ON BOARD
THE FIRST SHIP TO PASS THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL EN
ROUTE TO ISRAEL. MEDIA COVERAGE CENTERED ON THE
ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE TALKS, BUT RECENT ROMANIAN
EFFORTS TO PLAY A PEACE-MAKING ROLE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST UNDOUBTEDLY WORKED THEIR WAY INTO THE AGENDA.

AYYUBI ARRIVED WITH A LONG LIST OF COMPLAINTS
ABOUT PAST ROMANIAN-SYRIAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN BUCHAREST.
THE EGYPTIAN ALSO ASSERTED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT

E WARNED AYYUBI TO AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO A POLITICAL

3 DISCUSSION WITH CEAUSESCU.4

THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE IS SIMILAR TO OTHERS

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THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, NO REFERENCE TO "GUARANTEEING THE SECURITY OF ALL STATES" IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. THE COMMUNIQUE DOES, HOWEVER, CONTAIN ONE
APPARENT CONCESSION TO BUCHAREST—A SYRIAN PLEDGE TO
ASSIST ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NON—
ALIGNED MOVEMENT "IN APPROPRIATE FORMS." DAMASCUS
HAD REPORTEDLY OPPOSED PREVIOUS ROMANIAN EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH FORMAL TIES TO THE NONALIGNED. (CONFIDENTIAL)Y

L. ALBANIA: THE WIDESPREAD PURGES THAT ARE REPORTEDLY SUEEPING THE ALBANIAN BUREAUCRACY HAVE EVIDENTLY NOT AFFECTED THE TOP PARTY LEADERSHIP. ON NOVEMBER 17.

A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MET TO DRAFT A NEW CONSTITUTION. ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS

- WERE PRESENT, INCLUDING PARTY CHIEF ENVER HOXHA--WHO
- IS STILL POLITICALLY VERY ACTIVE DESPITE WHATEVER
- AILMENTS HE MAY HAVE.Y

OPENING SPEECHES AT THE ASSEMBLY SESSION STRONG-

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LY SUGGEST THAT HOXHA WILL OBTAIN RATIFICATION OF THE REFORM MEASURES HE HAD APPARENTLY ADOPTED IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS OWN AND THE PARTY'S HOLD OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS AND TO REDUCE EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRACY.

ON THE EVE OF THE SESSION THE PARTY'S OFFICIAL PAPER, ZERI I POPULLIT, PUBLISHED A LEAD EDITORIAL WRITTEN BY RAMIZ ALIA, THE ALBANIAN PARTY'S CHIEF IDEOLOGICAL SPOKESMAN. ALIA'S RINGING ENDORSEMENT OF HOXHA'S POLICIES CLEARLY SIGNALED TO THE PARTY FAITHFUL THAT REGARDLESS OF THEIR UNSETTLING EFFECT ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY THE RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF TOP LEADERS. {CONFIDENTIAL}Y E-2, IMPDET.A

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